

Kindly further amend the Specification as follows:

On Page 16, line 14, delete “sampling/scanning” and replace by - - sampling/scanning - - ;

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

1, (Amended) A programmable communications receiver having multi-level priority sampling including a plurality of memory registers each register having a unique memory location, each memory register having a frequency associated therewith, and at least two of the memory registers having priority levels associated therewith, said priority levels being ranked whereby one priority level defines a higher priority than another; frequency entry means whereby a user may selectively enter frequencies into each of the memory registers according to the designation and priority level thereof; control means for periodically switching the receiver to each priority frequency programmed into the memory registers in response to a predetermined sequence, the control means including means for maintaining the receiver on any frequency in response to a presence of signal from a detector means; means for detecting the presence of a signal on a frequency to which the control means has switched the receiver whereby the control means maintains the receiver on the switched frequency when the presence of a signal is detected; the predetermined sequence including the continued periodic switching of the receiver to all designated frequencies having priority rankings higher than any frequency to which the control means is maintaining the receiver, the control means maintaining the receiver on any such higher priority frequency in response to a presence of signal from the detector means associated with such higher priority frequency whereby the receiver may monitor activity on multiple